

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Absiract as follows:

A protective headgear device comprises a circumferential member composed of a foam material, having an interior that generally conforms to the shape of one's head. The circumferential member has a first opening for viewing and a second open through which the neck of the user extends. A plurality of internal pads is secured to an interior surface of the circumferential member, and the pads are spaced apart from one another, to protect predetermined sensitive areas of the head. Impact plates are affixed to the interior surface of ~~outer shell~~ circumferential member, and each impact plate is disposed between the circumferential member and a corresponding internal pad. The impact plates supplement the protection of the internal pads and ~~outer shell~~ the circumferential member for absorbing trauma forces applied to the headgear.